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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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FEBRUARY 14-20

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AT THE FEBRUARY 15 INFORMAL SESSION
OF THE VIENNA FORCE REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS, EASTERN REPS
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REPLIED TO QUESTIONS ON EASTERN DATA FIRST POSED BY THE
WEST LAST JUNE. EASTERN REPS ALSO ANSWERED A SERIES OF
NEW, FOLLOW-ON WESTERN QUESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT. THE
THRUST OF THE EASTERN REPLIES WAS THAT FIGURES TABLED
BY THE EAST FOR THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF WARSAW PACT
FORCES IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS INCLUDED ALL ACTIVE
DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH THE AGREED EXCEPTION OF

NAVAL PERSONNEL. END SUMMARY

2. THE FEBRUARY 15 INFORMAL SESSION OF THE VIENNA TALKS WAS DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO THE DISCUSSION OF COUNTING RULES AND DATA. EASTERN REPS REPLIED TO WESTERN QUESTIONS ON DATA TABLED BY THE EAST LAST JUNE 10, WHICH WESTERN PARTICIPANTS HAD FIRST POSED ON JUNE 29, AND REPEATED ON DECEMBER 16, 1976. EASTERN REPS FURTHER REPLIED READILY TO NEARLY ALL IN A SERIES OF NEW, FOLLOW-ON WESTERN QUESTIONS ON THE SAME TOPIC. FOLLOWING THE LINE PREVIEWED IN A FEBRUARY 12 BILATERAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN US REP AND US DEPREP AND SOVIET REPS TARASOV AND SHUSTOV, THE THRUST OF THE EASTERN REPLIES WAS THAT THE EAST HAD COUNTED IN ITS DATA ALL ACTIVE DUTY WARSAW PACT MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, EXCLUDING ONLY THE PERSONNEL OF THE NAVY, BORDER GUARD FORCES, FORMATIONS OF OTHER MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS, RESERVISTS, CIVILIANS WORKING WITH THE ARMED FORCES, AND CONSCRIPT PERSONNEL OF THE POLISH TERRITORIAL FORCES. EASTERN REPS FURTHER MAINTAINED THAT THEY HAD USED WESTERN PRINCIPLES AS REGARDS INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS IN COMPILING WARSAW PACT DATA AND THAT THE EAST HAD COUNTED ALL UNIFORMED MILITARY PERSONNEL ON THE ROSTERS OF UNITS AND FORMATIONS IN THE AREA AS OF JANUARY 1, 1976. EASTERN REPS GAVE NO INDICATION THAT THE EAST HAD OMITTED ANY FORCE TYPES, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, FROM ITS DATA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE POLISH SEA LANDING DIVISION, WHICH THE EAST CONSIDERED PART OF THE NAVY.

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3. AT THE OUTSET OF THE SESSION, WESTERN REPS ANSWERED EASTERN QUESTIONS ON WESTERN DATA WHICH EASTERN REPS HAD ASKED AT THE FEBRUARY 9 INFORMAL SESSION. THE ONLY EASTERN FOLLOW-ON QUESTION REQUESTED THE WEST TO SPECIFY THE BORDER POLICE AND INTERNAL SECURITY AND POLICE ORGANIZATIONS EXCLUDED FROM THE WESTERN COUNT OF NATO FORCES. AFTER HEARING ALL THE EASTERN RESPONSES TO WESTERN QUESTIONS, WESTERN REPS NOTED THAT STATEMENTS MADE BY THE EAST WERE NOT CONSISTENT WITH WESTERN ESTIMATES OF THE SIZE OF WARSAW PACT ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY MANPOWER IN THE AREA. THEY ADDED THAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD HAVE TO GO INTO THIS ISSUE FURTHER AND IN DETAIL TO ESTABLISH WHETHER BOTH SIDES WERE, IN FACT, USING THE SAME COUNTING RULES. IT WAS AGREED THAT PART OF THE NEXT INFORMAL SESSION ON FEBRUARY 22, WOULD BE USED TO CONTINUE THE DATA DISCUSSION.

4. CZECHOSLOVAK REP MEISNER MADE THE ONLY STATEMENT

AT THE FEBRUARY 17 PLENARY MEETING. MEISNER'S
PRESENTATION STRESSED THE EASTERN REQUIREMENT FOR
GENERAL STAGE-ONE COMMITMENTS BY NON-US WESTERN DIRECT
PARTICIPANTS AS TO THE SCOPE AND TIMING OF THEIR
STAGE-TWO REDUCTIONS. CZECHOSLOVAK REP ALSO PROFESSED
EASTERN WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE TOPIC OF
ASSOCIATED MEASURES AT "THE APPROPRIATE TIME" AND
MENTIONED THE BENEFICIAL IMPACT WHICH AGREEMENT TO
THE NOVEMBER 1976 BUCHAREST PROPOSAL OF WARSAW PACT
STATES ON THE RENUNCIATION OF FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS WOULD HAVE ON THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS. RESOR

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